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National Chungking University

1. National Chungking University [NCU], founded in the 1920's, had a World War II student enrollment of about 8,000. In the College of Science there were departments of chemistry, physics, mathematics, and geology. The College of Engineering had departments of architectural, chemical, metallurgical, and mining engineering.

In World War II, because of the war-time concentration of professors in Chungking, our department was the best in China. However, in normal times neither the NCU mining and metallurgy department nor NCU as a whole ranks with the top-flight Chinese universities.

2. For the first two years, students took the same subjects in the NCU mining and metallurgy department; in the third year, we began to major in either mining or metallurgy. sixteen students received BS degrees in the mining and metallurgy department; nine in metallurgy and seven in mining. Several students failed scholastically before reaching the final year, but most of them transferred to other departments, rather than leave the university completely. I believe that the majority are still in China,

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Concentration of University Facilities

3. Although I have no current information on Chinese Universities, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the Communist government began in the fall of 1952 to centralize important departments in one university per geographical area. For example, in North China, engineering is centered at Tsinghua University, and agriculture and literature at Peking University. In Central China, engineering is concentrated in Chekiang University. This re-organization seems logical to me, because it makes maximum use of existing facilities by concentrating faculty and equipment of several universities in one location.

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